

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
September 22, 2011

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, September 22, 2011, at 1:30 pm in the Commissioners' Conference Room with the following in attendance: Commissioner Patricia L. Kirkpatrick, Commissioner Richard L. Fink, George J. Skamai, Chief Clerk, Mitch Fryer – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, David Mansour – Administrator, Armstrong County Health Center, Dave Hogue – Warden, Armstrong County Jail, Dennis Demangone – Administrator, Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family Services, Debbie Reesman – Older Worker Employment Specialist, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Shari Montgomery – MR Quality Management Coordinator, for Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program, Don Pepler – Financial and Special Projects Manager, Armstrong County

Commissioner Scahill was absent.

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, the minutes for the September 1, 2011 Public Meeting were approved.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Pipeline Right of Way with EXCO Resources

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Pipeline Right of Way Agreement between Armstrong County and EXCO Resources. Mr. Pepler stated that the right of way will provide the county with \$36,000.00 in revenue and noted that the right of way is temporary.

SAVIN Maintenance and Service Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the SAVIN Maintenance and Service Agreement. Mr. Hogue explained that SAVIN is a Statewide Automated Victim Information Network that will automatically notify any victims involved when an inmate is released. He stated that this is a renewal of an annual contract that has been in place for several years.

Drug and Alcohol Recovery with Armstrong – Indiana Drug & Alcohol Commission

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Drug and Alcohol Recovery Agreement for the Armstrong County Jail between Armstrong County and Armstrong – Indiana Drug and Alcohol Commission. Mr. Hogue described this as an annual agreement that the Drug and Alcohol Commission and the Armstrong County Jail will work together to aid inmates in drug and alcohol rehabilitation and to maintain confidentiality for every case.

CareTracker Software with Cerner Corporation

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the CareTracker electronic data entry software program for the Armstrong County Health Center between Armstrong County and Cerner Resource Systems. Mr. Mansour explained that this system will provide the Nurse's Aides with the ability to enter information through touch screen care and enable the information to be shared with other health care professionals. The cost of the system is \$26,900.10; Mr. Mansour confirmed that the Health Center does have the funds available within their budget for the purchase.

CareTracker Software with Keane Care, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the CareTracker interface for the Armstrong County Health Center between Armstrong County and Keane Care, Inc. Mr. Mansour stated that this interface will transfer data from the CareTracker to the MDS software. The cost is \$2,409.00 but will provide significant savings to the Health Center. The Board complimented Mr. Mansour and his predecessor Ms. Dragan for their continuance in striving to keep the Health Center up to date with the most advance programs and care available.

New Light Fiscal Year 2011- 2012 Contract for Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program (BDHP)

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 contract for the Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program (BDHP) between Armstrong County and New Light. Ms. Montgomery stated that New Light, Inc. will provide respite services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Commissioners of Indiana County have already approved the contract.

Municipal Finance Partners Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners acknowledged the Employees' Retirement System between Armstrong County and Municipal Finance Partners, Inc. Ms. Miller explained that this contract will provide financial advisement and guidance to the Retirement Board in an effort to make the most cost efficient choices. She stated that Municipal Finance Partners, Inc. is the current actuary.

Senior Service America, Inc. Fiscal Year 2011- 2012 Senior Community Service Employment Program

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Ms. Talerico, the Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 Senior Community Service Employment Program between Armstrong County and Senior Service America, Inc. Ms. Talerico stated that this will provide

partial funding for the Older Worker Program. She stated that there are 24 workers in the Federal Program and four in the state program; they have reduced the program due to funding cuts.

VNA Services and Foundation, Western Pennsylvania

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Home Health Services Contract between Armstrong County and VNA Services and Foundation, Western Pennsylvania. Ms. Talerico stated that this is a renewal of the contract and that it is one of five vendors for consumers to select from for home health services.

Apollo Hose Company #3 Senior Center Lease

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Senior Center Lease between Armstrong County and Apollo Hose Company #3. Ms. Talerico explained that this is a one year renewal at the same rate as last year's lease.

Memorandum of Understanding for Lawyer Training Seminar with Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Memorandum of Understanding for Lawyer Training Seminar between Armstrong County and Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts. Mr. Demangone stated that this is a two day seminar of specialized training for attorneys who represent parents and children in child welfare cases. This grant will provide full funding to train five attorneys.

FY 2011-2012 Professional Service Providers' Contracts for Children, Youth and Family Services

Mr. Demangone described the 23 contracts as service contracts for attorneys and in home services.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Professional Services Providers Contracts for the Year 2011 – 2012 between Armstrong County and the following:

- a) Adagio Health
- b) Adelphoi Village Inc.
- c) Behavior Management Consultants
- d) Carol Patterson M. ED
- e) Center for Hearing & Deaf Services
- f) Clover Psychological Association
- g) Family A.C.T.S., Inc.
- h) Family Pathways
- i) Family Psychological Associates, Ltd.
- j) Glen Mills Schools
- k) Hermitage House Youth Services
- l) Holy Family Community Services, Inc.

- m) James Favero, Esq.
- n) Justice Works Youth Care, Inc.
- o) Keystone Adolescent Center
- p) Parental Stress Center
- q) Paula LaStrapes, Esq.
- r) Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance – Ruth McCall
- s) Dennis Buffone, Esq.
- t) Project Point of Light Inc. Manno Therapeutic Services
- u) Specialty Outreach Services, Inc.
- v) Try-Again Homes, Inc.
- w) Wesley Spectrum

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, the Commissioners appointed Mr. Rich Palilla, 402 E. Market Street, Kittanning, PA 16201 to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for the remainder of an unexpired term that will expire December 31, 2012. Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that the position had previously been held by Gealy Wallwork, who resigned due to his recent move out of the county.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation 2011-22 Dignity and Respect Month October 2011

Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that a request was received from Washington County to adopt a proclamation and to promote courtesy and respect towards others.

Ms. Kirkpatrick read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2011 – 22 proclaiming October as Dignity and Respect Month. Mr. Fink relayed a news story that he recently watched that described bullying as a major problem in our nation and the tragedies it incurs including suicide. He commends Commissioner Burns for spearheading this effort to bring awareness and create intolerance for poor behavior.

Proclamation 2011-23 Employ the Older Worker Week

Ms. Reesman stated that this week, September 19th to the 23rd has been Employ the Older Worker Week. They are planning a celebration in October and hope to bring attention to the program in effort to increase the available job positions along with state and federal funding.

Mr. Fink read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick, and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2011-23 Employ the Older Worker Week.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Kirkpatrick opened the meeting to comments.

Mr. Fink made a pre-announcement of an upcoming change to the Armstrong – Indiana Drug and Alcohol Commission; he stated he was happy to announce that Clarion County would be joining the commission in the near future. He then expressed his appreciation to Ms. Reesman for her efforts and work performed with the Older Workers Program. Mr. Fink praised Ms. Reesman for always working to provide the best opportunities for our older workers.

Ms. Kirkpatrick discussed the Dignity and Respect Month initiative. She described a program that followed a young teen who was the victim of bullying and how he made video blogs encouraging others to continue on and not give up; unfortunately the teen succumbed to the pressure of the bullies and committed suicide. Ms. Kirkpatrick expressed her concerns for society and what has happened that we have become so uncivil to each other. She encouraged everyone to log onto www.dignityandrespect.org and take the Dignity and Respect pledge. She closed by stating that parents need to start the change with their young in the home.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously; the Commissioners adjourned the Public Meeting at 2:02 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 1:30 pm.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

James V. Scahill, Secretary

ATTEST: _____
George J. Skamai
County Administrator & Chief Clerk